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REMARKS

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1. On 8 August 1952, three trucks                      were seen in the yard of 25X1

the Pionier Kaserne in Klosterneuburg (O 49/S 30). The northwestern gate of the installation was guarded by a sentry with black-bordered black epaulets. Two armored scout cars, 3 weapon carriers and 9 trucks were parked in the yard of the former Pionier Zeugamt. Trucks                      driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, were observed at the installation. Troops seen on the training grounds included 24 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia who practiced with rifles, and 4 soldiers with aiming circles.<sup>1</sup>

2. On 7 August, 20 x 85-mm AA guns, 8 x 37-mm AA guns, 4 AA machine guns, 4 ballistic directors, 2 radio trucks, 4 tank trucks and 1 truck were observed at the cantonment on the road to Bisamberg at Korneuburg (O 49/S 30). A group of 40 EM led by a captain, all wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, left the Albrechts Kaserne toward the cantonment. They were followed by another 20 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and an emblem of two crossed gun barrels on the left sleeve. Trucks seen at the Albrechts Kaserne                      with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets                      Two sedans, 3 jeeps and 1 truck were observed in the parking lot belonging to the office at 7 through 9 Hovengasse. Jeep                      driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets, arrived at the installation.<sup>2</sup> 25X1

3. On 7 August, truck                      driven by a soldier wearing red-bordered black epaulets, left the Altkettenhof in Schwechat (P 49/X 48).

4. On 7 August, truck                      was parked in front of the Alte Kommandantur in Bruck (P 49/X 77)                      25X1

5. On 7 August, equipment identified in the garden of the farm at Margarethen am Moos (P 49/X 57) included: 4 x 85-mm AA guns and about 8 x 37-mm AA guns, 6 AA machine guns, and about 15 new 2-axle and 3-axle trucks.                      25X1

                     Trucks                      each towing a 85-mm AA gun left the farm yard. A major wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia was riding in one of the trucks. The construction of two new low wooden buildings for billeting of troops was observed.<sup>3</sup>

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6. On 1 August, 6 x 37-mm AA guns were observed at the cantonment on the western perimeter of Wiener Neustadt (O L8/X 34). Truck loaded with garbage left the installation. An officer had the garbage dumped and covered with mud and sand near the cantonment.<sup>4</sup>

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7. On 4 August, about 5 x 37-mm AA guns and 10 trucks were loaded at the Wiener Neustadt railroad station. No more AAA guns were seen at the cantonment on the western perimeter of Wiener Neustadt afterwards.<sup>4</sup>

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1. Comment. Klosterneuburg is believed to be still occupied by the 16th Gds Heerz Regt and the 8th (Inf) Bn.

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2. Comment. The highest number of AA guns previously observed at the cantonment on the road to Bisamberg were 16 x 85-mm AA guns and 32 x 37-mm AA guns.

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the number of 85-mm AA guns increased. It is undetermined if the occupation of the cantonment has essentially changed.

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3. Comment. The occupation of Margarethen am Moor has increased. The total of weapons observed, i.e., 8 x 85-mm AA guns, 8 x 37-mm AA guns and 6 AA machine guns, are indicative of a combined AA regiment of about 1 battery and 1 AA machine gun company.

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4. Comment. The AAA unit quartered in the cantonment probably is the AA defense of Wiener Neustadt airfield. The departure of this unit observed on 4 August 1952 is believed to be only temporary.

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